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RE: ANNUAL REPORT ON PROTECTING CONSERVATION/OPEN SPACE OTDs

The Conservation/Open Space Easement Program is responsible for researching, documenting and negotiating acceptance of the Offers to Dedicate Easements (OTDs) required as development mitigation through Commission permit conditions. There are approximately 1,079 of these conservation/open space OTDs. This report summarizes progress made during 2004 in achieving permanent protection of these easements.

Status of Conservation/Open Space OTDs

	Year 2004	Total to Date	Total Percentage
Accepted	35	268	25%
Allowed to Lapse	2 ¹	8	<1%
Expired	5 ²	9	<1%
Remain to be Accepted		794	73%
Total OTDs	42	1,079	

The numbers of total OTDs, OTD acceptances and OTDs remaining to be accepted will continue to change as research on the OTD status is completed. There are an estimated 224 cases out of those 794 remaining to be accepted where staff is trying to confirm the existence of a valid legal document. During such research staff also finds additional OTDs not previously logged and in turn finds cases where permits with OTD requirements were never issued or had expired.

Attachment A illustrates some of the variety of resources protected through these easements.

¹ The San Luis Obispo Land Conservancy holds conservation easements on these parcels, thus the land is already protected.

² Two of these OTDs are in the City of San Diego; acceptance was sought but declined by the local government and no other accepting entity agreed to accept. In addition, there are three OTDs where the historical log indicates a recording date in 1983, but further research could not confirm legal documents. For these cases, expiration is assumed but not confirmed.

Attachment A

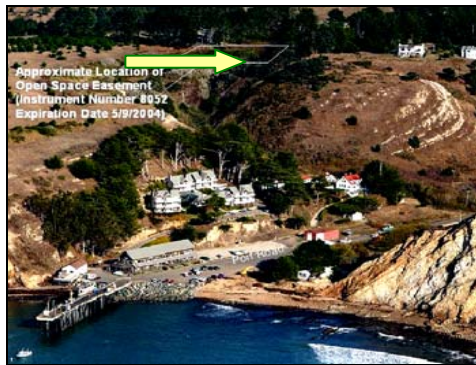
Highlights of 2004 OTD Acceptances [p. 1 of 2]

(The highlighted acceptances on these two pages protect approximately 107 acres total.)

Point Arena

Protection of the **riparian corridor** portion of a single-family residential lot above Arena Cove.

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CDP 78-CC-291 Ayres

Del Norte County

Protection, through eleven OTDs, of 65 acres of **coastal viewshed, riparian vegetation, and rural open space** within a sixteen-lot subdivision ¾ mile south of the Oregon border.



CDP 1-83-258 Walters

Monterey County

Protection of cypress and eucalyptus trees providing **habitat for the Black-crowned Night-Heron**, on a residential lot next to the Robinson Jeffers Tor House on Carmel Point.

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CDP 3-83-150 Mills

Laguna Beach

Protection of the 3½-acre sloped portion of a light-industrial project site, on Laguna Canyon Road, for the preservation of the canyon's **scenic hillside resources**.



CDP 5-83-206 Lodox

San Clemente

Protection of **environmentally sensitive canyon habitat** behind a duplex development situated on the upper edge of Palizada Canyon.



CDP 5-83-337 Oxley

San Diego City





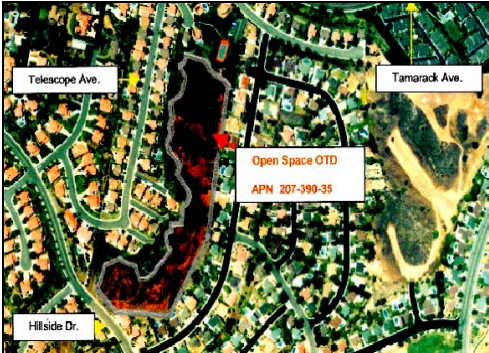

Protection of **Del Mar Manzanita environmentally sensitive habitat**, in two 100'-wide easement areas located within a 19-unit Planned Residential Development site adjacent to Torrey Pines State Reserve.



CDP 6-82-069 Henegar

Attachment A

Highlights of 2004 OTD Acceptances [p. 2 of 2]

<p>San Diego City</p> <p>Protection of the scenic resources of the sloped portions of 23 adjacent lots in a 33-unit Planned Residential Development overlooking Lopez Canyon, in the City's Mira Mesa community.</p>	 <p>CDP 6-82-106-A2 Fieldstone</p>	<p>San Diego City</p> <p>Protection of the 2.3-acre Los Penasquitos Creek floodplain portion of a light-industrial project site one parcel away from Torrey Pines State Reserve.</p>	 <p>CDP 6-82-108 Sorrento</p>
<p>Solana Beach</p> <p>Protection of 9½ acres of contiguous open space for the preservation of coastal sage scrub/mixed chaparral environmentally sensitive habitat, in a 64-unit Planned Residential Development.</p>	 <p>CDP 6-82-193 Lomas Santa Fe</p>	<p>Encinitas</p> <p>Protection of six easement areas, totaling 19 acres, for the preservation of coastal chaparral and inland coastal sage environmentally sensitive habitat, in a 90-unit Planned Residential Development.</p>	 <p>CDP 6-82-303 McKellar</p>
<p>Carlsbad</p> <p>Protection of 7.6 acres of a 64-unit single-family residential project, for preservation of coastal sage scrub/chaparral and Native California Grassland environmentally sensitive habitat, and to minimize geologic hazards.</p>	 <p>CDP 6-83-144 F&M & Assocs.</p>	<p>San Diego City</p> <p>Protection of vegetated open space upslope of a single-family residence project to minimize geologic hazards (potential slope failure), in the City's La Jolla community.</p>	 <p>CDP 6-83-548 Leaverton</p>